

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 21, 2014

Welcome and Announcements
Prayer
Prelude

(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

*Acolyte		
Call to Worship	<i>“Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!”</i>	Choir
Sunday School Promotion		
*Hymn	<i>“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”</i>	381

(Please register your attendance on the pew pads provided)

“Let the Children Come!”
(Those 3 years of age through 5 years of age may go to Children’s Nursery.)

First Lesson	Exodus 16:2-15	Page 62 (O.T.)
*Psalter	Psalms 105: 1-11	828
Affirmation of Faith	<i>“Apostles’ Creed”</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>“Glory Be to the Father”</i>	70

Sharing of the Joys & Concerns of the Church		
*Hymn	<i>“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”</i>	384
Prayers of Confession & Intercession		
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>Unison</i>)		895

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	95

Anthem	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	Choir
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Second Lesson	Matthew 24:1-14	Page 30 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>“The Motivator in our Ministry”</i>	Rev. Robert Reeves

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
(You are invited to come to the altar during the singing of the hymn to signify your commitment or re-commitment to Christ, or for prayer, confession, or comfort, in response to God’s Word)

*Hymn	<i>“Pass It On”</i>	572
*Acolyte		
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>“Lead Me, Lord”</i>	Choir

*Postlude

*The Congregation May Stand

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor:	<i>Robert D. B. Reeves</i>	Nursery:	<i>Annette Watson</i>
Pianist :	<i>Christopher McCroskey</i>	Tellers:	<i>Ted Frady; Patsy Boggs</i>
Music Director:	<i>Jackie McNeill</i>	A/V Assistants:	<i>Jim Miller; Marie Stiles</i>
Lay Reader:	<i>Laurie Knapp</i>	Time Together:	<i>Mary Louise Robinson</i>
Ushers:	<i>Tom Geddens</i>		

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor’s tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers. An **INFANT AND TODDLER NURSERY** is provided during the worship hour. Parents: please ask an usher for assistance.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Have you ever been allowed to listen in on a conversation and in the process realized for many reasons maybe you should not have had that privilege? Maybe the conversation was very private or personal or difficult for one or both parties. Maybe you could not deal with what was being said. It went against your convictions or your abilities to handle controversial material. Maybe you felt uncomfortable with the emotions of the conversation. They were highly charged. Maybe the persons were having an argument or disagreement and that type of conversation leaves you looking for a way out. Some persons cannot manage disagreements, arguments or other very challenging conversations that reveal one or both sides need to see something much better than they currently see the issue. Have you ever asked yourself if JESUS ever had a heated or difficult conversation with anyone? At first response, some of us would say, "of course, he didn't!" Oh really? Please examine some of the texts in the gospels again and you will see JESUS in some most uncomfortable conversations sometimes. Why? Primarily, because many persons wanted JESUS to say to them what they wanted to hear, not what they needed to hear. And when JESUS encountered these situations He did not back down to be nice, polite, docile, loving, kind or whatever that we might think JESUS would do to keep the peace at any cost. No, JESUS told the truth. However, He told the truth in a level of absolute love that left people dumbfounded that wanted to disagree and argue with him. What secret asset did JESUS possess? It's been mentioned already. He operated out of a level of love that no one had ever witnessed before. GOD is love! The scripture tells us so. However, defining love is a challenge for some disciples because their definition of love is mixed with interpretations of the word influenced by sin and incompleteness and a lower level of knowledge about the entire world and life and truth and love. GOD doesn't have those problems when GOD defines love. We do. So, we not only must learn to walk in love. We must also learn and experience what is love. JESUS discussed it with Nicodemus. Nicodemus left thinking to himself, "I didn't understand everything JESUS said but I know He meant it and He loved me enough to point me in the right direction." Do we love that way? Or do we just want our way? Or do we just want to keep the peace and keep everyone happy? That's a myth! It's impossible to do. But it is possible to love persons where they are at in the hopes they get to where they need to be. Blessings for the journey!!!! Pastor Robert

TODAY’S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of our God and in celebration of the upcoming wedding of my niece, **Meredith Mullaney**, to **Joshua Irvin** on September 27, 2014, by **Bonnie Ramsey**. May it be blessed by our God for all their lives.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Jackie McNeill	Genie Duncan	Laurie Knapp	Oren Edwards	Hannah Easterling
Carolyn Hardee	Jim Stiles	Bill Hornsby	Sara Efron	Tommy Johnson
Arnold Heiting	Patsy Shuler	Melton Martin	Jim Miller	Christopher McCroskey
Roland Morgan	Donnie Sox	Marian Risinger	Latson Lewis	Miriam Simpson
Carolyn Sox	Morris Taylor	Rusty Poole		

Shut-Ins: Theresa Awtrey; Mary Brewer; Mary Comolander; Nellie Hipp; Doris Ivey; LaCrecia Taylor; Terry Pitts; Claudia Sineath; Jean Raynor; Thomas Risinger

Family and Friends: **Brenda Brown** (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); **Tonia Murray & Pam Inman** (employees & friends of Ray Frady); **Josephine Von Glahn** (mother of Jo Ann Heiting); **Doris Sanders** (friend of the Heitings); **Darwin Hatheway & Dan McGowan** (friends of Arnold Heiting); **Ernest Westbury** (friend of English & Jewel Percy); **Cathy Hendrix** (cousin of Billy Pearson); **Jane Bryant** (sister of Patsy Zeigler); **Laura Goldstein** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Carlton Mathews** (coworker of Kathy White); **Randy Hodge** (friend of Ray Frady); **Serge Ratkovic** (friend of Genie Duncan); **Ralph & Garland Pearson** (brothers of Bill Pearson); **Beth Earles** (coworker of Erin Derrick); **Susan Jones** (wife of Stuart Jones); **Mitch Anderson** (son of Ray Frady's friend); **Bruce Williamson** (father of coworker of Kathy White); **Jimmy & Nancy Friedrich** (Shirley Butler's niece and her husband); **Bob Bryant** (brother-in-law of Patsy Zeigler); **Mary Baggott** (Kathy White's coworker's mom); **Ruby Brown** (cousin of Patsy Zeigler); **Yvonne Kirkman** (Kathy White's coworker's sister); **Carole Daly** (friend of Marie Stiles); **Mary Thompson** (coworker of Christopher McCroskey); **Winslow Jumper** (brother of Nell Cooke); **Kitty Sellers** (friend of John & Patsy Zeigler); **Beth Ann Feimster** (sister of Christopher McCroskey); **Matt Owen** (husband of Nell Cooke's granddaughter); **Michael Carter** (son of Esther Carter); **Jon Kirby** (grandson of Nell Cooke); **Narcie McClendon Jeter** (daughter of Tim McClendon); **John Glaze** (brother-in-law of Shirley Butler); **Jeanne Crone** (neighbor of Jo Ann & Arnold Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender); **Vickie Bright** (friend of Kaye Floyd); **Mike Rentz** (brother of Marty Johnson); **Walt Beck** (friend of Arnold & Jo Ann Heiting); **Linda Boatwright** (sister of George & Morris Taylor); **Vera Von Glahn** (sister-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting)

OUR PRESENCE ...

Attendance 09/14 Sunday School 34 Morning Worship: 47

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 09/14 \$ 3,889.00 Epworth Offering \$ 335.00

OUR SERVICE.”

Church Calendar

TODAY Nurture, 5:30 p.m.; Church Council, 6:30 p.m. (Budgets Due)

9/22 GLIA Articles Due

9/23 Bible Study at Home of Nell Cooke, 10:30 a.m.

Witness, 6 p.m.

9/24 Prayer Group, 7 a.m.

LMC Health Screening, 7 – 9 a.m.

FH Reserved, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal, 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

9/27 Safe Sanctuary Training @ SC UMC Conference Center, 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Serving in September/October

Serving On:	<u>September 28</u>	<u>October 5</u>
Ushers:	Tom Geddens	Tom Geddens
Tellers:	Pam Turner, Bonnie Ramsey	John Ballentine; Becky Derrick
Flowers:	Tom Geddens	Paul Almond
Acolyte:	Needed	Needed
Lay Reader:	Tom Geddens	Tom Geddens
Time Together:	UMW	Jewel Percy; Pauline Wenner
AV Assistants:	Jim Miller; Trey Howard	Jim Miller; John Ballentine



Ministers	The Congregation
Pastor	Robert D. B. Reeves
Resident Bishop	Jonathan Holston
District Superintendent	Rev. Catherine Jamieson-Ogg

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



SEEK THE LORD
and his strength;
SEEK his presence
continually.

Psalm 105:4, NRSV

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Safe Sanctuary Training will be held at the SC UMC Conference Center on Saturday, September 27, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please let Ruth Frady know if you plan to attend so that she can reserve the bus if needed.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Wonderful Wednesday continues this Wednesday, September 24th. Family-style meals will be served at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Reeves will continue his study of the Book of Revelation beginning at 6:15 and ending at 7:00. We encourage you to be with us for both. This is a time to share your enthusiasm and to enjoy being with one another. The meal will be prepared by the Worship Committee.

Fried Chicken
Potato Salad, Green Beans
Bread
Dessert

Please fill in the reservation form found in the bulletin or call the church office by noon on Monday to make sure that we have enough food for everyone.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
7 – 9 A.M.

Join us on **Wednesday, September 24**, for a Health Screening conducted by Lexington Medical Center. They will test for Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure and Cholesterol. They have discontinued testing for iron levels and PSA. Flu Shots and tests for Thyroid and Calcium levels will be available for an additional fee. To sign up, see Tom Lloyd after the service or call him at 794-2563.



Killingsworth Gala

It's time to sign up and pay (\$50) for the Killingsworth Gala, which is to be held on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at the Gunter Circle Parking lot and leave at 5:30 p.m. We always have a great time: being together, hearing the music, seeing the Fashion show, eating a wonderful meal, and checking out the Silent Auction. We want to share this experience with you!

Let's support our sisters in need who live at the Killingsworth Home. Sign up to show your intent to go. Marilyn Lloyd, President

From the WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUP

The ladies of Trinity plan on having another **“Pre-Sale Bake Sale” for Thanksgiving**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for you to indicate what items and how many you are willing to make. Additionally, there is a sign-up **“Wish List”** sheet for those who are looking for a particular item.

The Women's Afternoon Group will be supporting Scott Shull's ministry to the homeless. The City of Columbia no longer provides a homeless shelter. More information on this charity will be forthcoming. In addition they will be looking at doing something for the students that Tom Wall mentors as the director of the Wesley Foundation at USC.

In November, the Women's Afternoon Group will be making a trip to Jewel's Pink House. We will have further information about this trip in the coming weeks.



The Church Council and the Stewardship Committee have completed the timeline for events in this year's Stewardship Campaign and there is one significant change: We will **begin** our reflections with a guest speaker, **Reverend Dr. Bill Bouknight**, the now retired former pastor of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendar and plan to be at church on **October 5**, to hear what will be an uplifting and inspiring message on the joys we may find in affirming our commitment to bring gifts to the Lord of our Prayers, Presence, Witness, Treasures and Service.

In the weeks following **Reverend Dr. Bouknight's** message, we will once again have members sharing their faith understanding of just what these commitments have meant in their journey with Christ. On **November 9**, we will celebrate the culmination of our Stewardship campaign with our traditional Consecration Service and covered dish dinner.